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Coastal Cultural Fest begins

Two-day Rani Abbakka Samskrutika Utsava to showcase coastal languages, art, culture, food and folklore

Mysuru, Feb. 10 (RK&DM)- The sprawling Maharaja's College Grounds in city wore a festive look as the two-day Rani Abbakka Samskrutika Utsava (Coastal Cultural Fest) showcasing the rich coastal art, culture and traditions began this morning. The fest is organised by the Dakshina Kannada Zilla Sangha, Mysuru, in association with various organisations of coastal regions and Rani Abbakka Utsava Samithi, Ullal, Mangaluru.

The cultural events began at 8.30 am with mass singing and Bharatanatyam, followed by devotional songs, Nadageethe and *chande-valaga* performance.

(See FEST on page 13)

***Coastal artistes playing the** chande **and** valaga **during the two-day Rani Abbakka Cultural Fest at Maharaja's College Grounds in city this morning.** [Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]*

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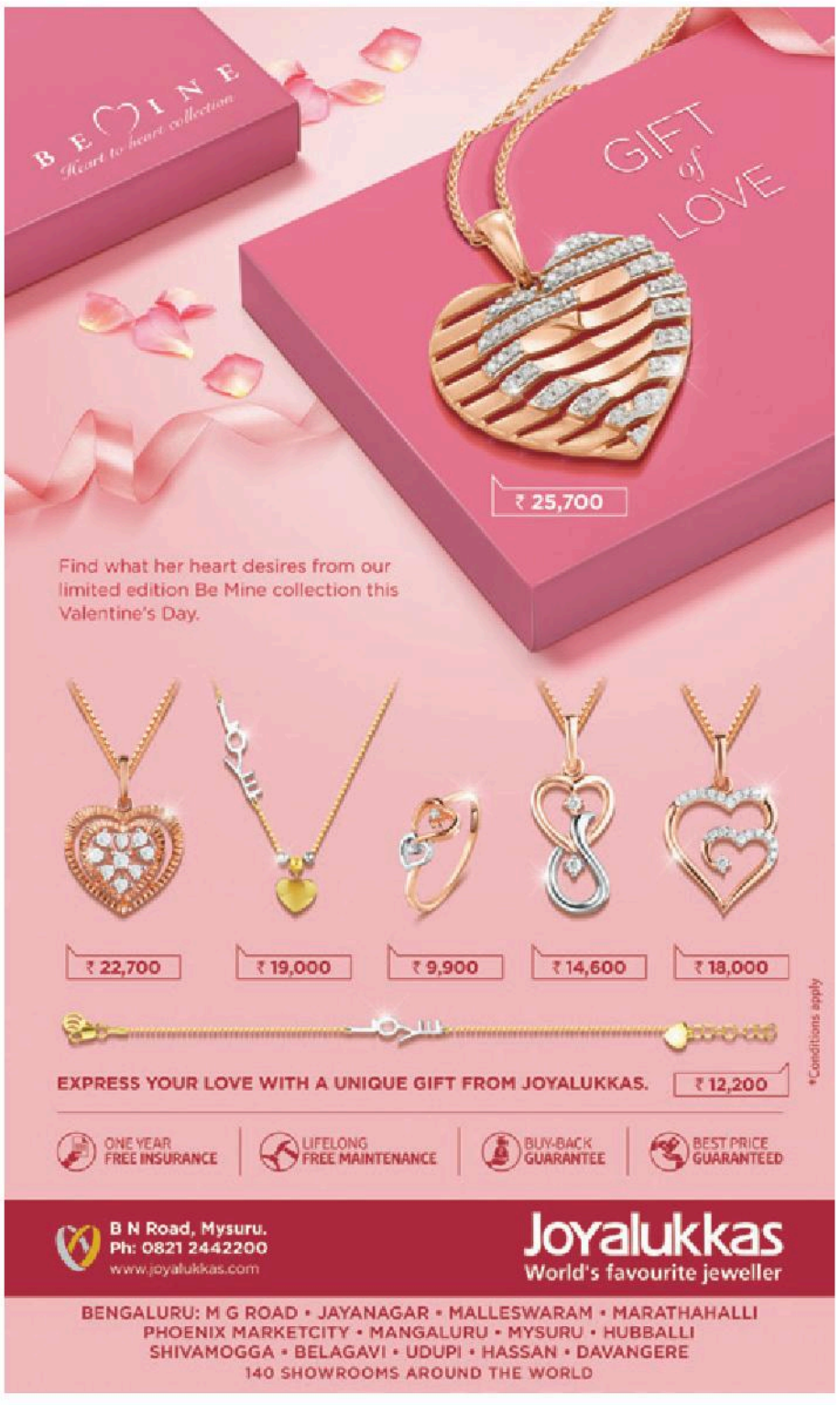
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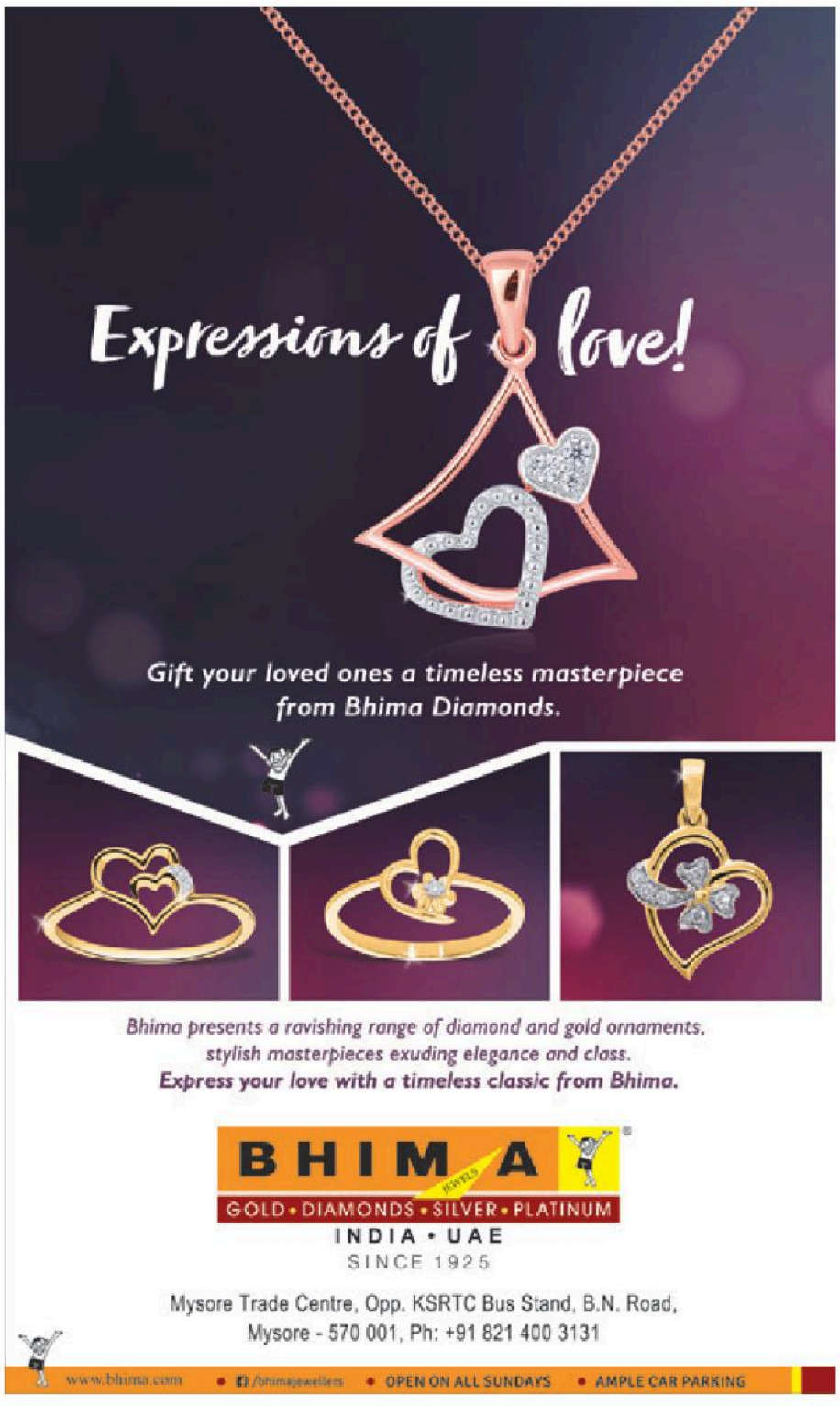
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Mysuru, Saturday 10th February 2018

When Rome was burning, Nero was fiddling

Pages of history narrating episodes that featured the rulers at different times in some regions across the world in bad light also make people wonder if people are in the same mould in our times. Two such episodes stand out. In the first one, a great fire ravaged Rome for six days in July 64 AD destroying 70 per cent of the city and leaving half its population homeless. According to a well-known expression, Rome's emperor at the time, the decadent and unpopular Nero "Fiddled while Rome burned." The second episode is about Tughluq, the Sultan of Delhi during 14th century. He was perceived as an unintelligent ruler especially for some of his decisions during his reign, particularly the order on relocation of his capital from Delhi to Devagiri, renamed as Tuglaqabad. The second episode, according to some astute political analysts, bears a correct allusion to the present day political happenings. Keen followers of the related reports in the land's dailies don't need any elaboration on this point.

India is home to personalities who have excelled in many fields in the past, some of them dating back to several centuries. Vishnu Gupta, also known by the names Kautilya and Chanakya, a teacher, philosopher, economist, jurist and royal advisor during the reign of Chandragupta Maurya, who authored the ancient Indian political treatise *Arthashastra* is more quoted than being followed by present administration.

Marshalling the funds needed for public spending both by the country's Central Government and its counterparts in the 36 States and Union Territories is giving sleepless nights to the top brass in administration, unable to rein in the fiscal deficit which is increasing steadily. The just introduced Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime, in its two channels namely, Central GST and State GST, which has received both bouquets and brickbats from different sections of the business and trade fraternity is still in the crucible of managing public funds. In this context, the disclosures of public funded projects with budgets of astronomical proportions are only antithesis of Kautilya's guidelines.

People who have elected the law-makers have a right to know their performance score-card, particularly detailed account of public spending. There is cause for concern considering the no-holds-barred splurging of public funds on projects of low priority, such as the just announced facilities for water sports at Varuna Lake and such moves by the administration. One doesn't miss Neros and Tughluqs of the distant past.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

HONOURABLE VICE-PRESIDENT: ***On Tuesday Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu urged members to address the Vice-President as 'Honourable Vice-President.' "I would request and suggest to all members that they should address the Chairman or even the Vice-President of India as Honourable Vice-President. There is no need to use 'His or Her Excellency'," he said. He also asked members not to end their letters with 'yours faithfully,' and use 'yours sincerely' instead. However, he adjourned the House minutes later.***

— In Business Standard.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Dead Dog returns Home!

Pennsylvania: Ten years ago, Abby, a year-old black lab, was playing with her human family outside of their Apollo, Pennsylvania home, when something caught her attention and she just wandered off. Her owner, Debra Suierveld, spent weeks searching for the pup, but eventually gave up, assuming the dog had been killed. Life went on for Debra and her family, but last week they got an unexpected blast from the past.

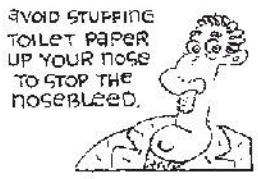
On Jan. 30, 2018, the Suiervelds received a phone call from Animal Protectors of Allegheny Valley who claimed to have their dog. Debra told them that they must have made a mistake, but then they mentioned the name of the dog, 'Abby,' to which the woman didn't know what to answer. Suierveld picked Abby from Animal Protectors in New Kensington and brought her back to the house. However, where exactly Abby has been all these years is still a mystery. A microchip in the scruff of Abby's neck was the key to the happy reunion.

Symbol of freedom

Netherlands: Hermien, a plucky cow from Lettele, in the Dutch province of Overijssel, recently became a social media star and a 'symbol of freedom,' after making a daring escape from a truck bound for the slaughterhouse. Named after her owner Herman Jansen, the cow initially escaped with her sister, but sadly the latter was recaptured after being shot with a tranquilizer gun. Hermien, however, managed to hoof it to the nearby woods in northern Friesland where she has been living on her own for the last six weeks. Much to the delight of her fans on Twitter and other social networks, Hermien has somehow managed to evade all attempts at recapture. A slew of hashtags like #JesuisHermien, #GoHermien, and #MeKoe have been trending on Dutch social media site in recent weeks. 'Koe' is the Dutch word for Cow. The bold bovine has even won the hearts of Dutch royalty, with Pieter van Vollenhoven, the son-in-law of former Queen Beatrix, tweeting "we've got to save Hermien, let's all buy her together and give her freedom." The only problem with that plan is that someone has to recapture Hermien first.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What causes a nosebleed?



The tissues that line the inside of your nose are very sensitive, with tiny blood vessels close to the surface. If these fragile tissues are harmed in any way, a rupture may occur. This is a nosebleed. Most common causes: Dry air and excessive nose-picking.

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City's young scientist to devote time on multi-drone research

JSS College student Pratap had won awards at International Robot Exhibition

Mysuru, Feb.10 (RKB&NNN)- "We are very proud that one of our students N.M. Pratap has reached the national and international level as a young scientist working on Drones," said Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah, CEO, JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science.

He was addressing a press conference at Patrakartara Bhavan here regarding the achievements of young scientist Pratap, a student of third year B.Sc (CBZ) of the college. He said that Pratap had worked on border security telegraph, cryptograph in drone networking system, drone in traffic management and National Socio Defense areas.

Realising that just one drone cannot support all the systems, Pratap is studying to find out the use of multiple drones. For instance use of sensor network for healthcare and human rescue missions have resulted in an improved performance and reliability along with achieving high speed energy efficiency. This is called modular wireless sensor network on which he is working, said Prof. Sambashivaiah.

Pratap had participated in the International Robot Exhibition in Tokyo, Japan recently and bagged gold and silver medals and cash prize of US $ 10,000. For his achievements, he has won a position as Project Developer under Skill India by Ministry of Science and Technology, with a research Grant, he said.

In service of the nation

"Already the drone network is used in many areas including border security and traffic management apart from human rescue missions. The use of drones is going to play a major role in defense of the country. I have been influenced by the flying of the helicopter and it triggered an interest in me to work on drones. I come from an agriculture family. My parents and staff of JSS College have supported me a lot. I want to devote my energies in the service of the nation."

—N.M.Pratap, Young Scientist

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Student: *Thank God, Saturday and Sunday are holidays, Sir!*

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VOICE OF THE READER

Kudos Passport Seva Kendra at Metagalli

Sir,

Very recently we had applied for passport at Mysuru Passport Seva Kendra in Metagalli. Both me and my wife are senior citizens. The staff were very courteous. They really helped us in completing the process. Here we have some suggestions. The hall can have a better seating arrangement and ambience. But forgetting these small shortfalls, the officers deserve our appreciation.

After few weeks, we got a call from VV Puram Police Station for address verification. When both of us went on the appointed time, the staff — one Vishvanath — was very courteous. He filled all relevant forms himself and took our signatures at assigned places. We completed our work there within 10 minutes.

We once again wholeheartedly appreciate both the Passport Seva Kendra staff and VV Puram Police Station staff.

—M. K. Krishnakumar and M. C. Latha Sarathy
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MCC asks defaulters to pay water dues

Mysuru, Feb. 10- The MCC, which is yet to collect Rs. 148.27 crore as water dues from consumers having metered connections as on Dec. 2017, has asked the residents to pay water tax.

The MCC's proposal to waive off interest on water dues has been rejected by the Government. With the Government's rejection of interest waiver, the MCC has asked the residents to pay up water dues along with interest.

The water connection of defaulting consumers will be disconnected if dues are not cleared by them.

Natl. workshop on Mar. 14 &15

Mysuru, Feb. 10- As part of its decennial celebration, the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, University of Mysore, in association with ICSSR, Hyderabad, will be organising a two-day National Workshop on 'Food Security in India and Social Inclusivity' in the University campus, Manasagangothri on Mar. 14 and 15. Teaching faculty, Researchers and representatives of voluntary organisations can take part in this workshop. For details, call Ph: 2419362 / 94807-71681.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Walkathon and cultural event

To create awareness about heart ailments in women, Cardiology Society of India, Mysuru Chapter, has organised the following programmes tomorrow (Feb.11): 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm: Drawing and Painting Competition at MAA auditorium, J.K. Grounds; 4 pm: Walkathon (Walk for a healthy heart) from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple to J.K. Grounds; 6 pm: Inauguration and Public Education Programme; 6.30 pm: Cultural programmes (Dance and Skits).

Safe beat clinic

Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital has organised a 'Safe beat clinic' at its premises on Feb. 11 (Sunday) at 8 am. This clinic involves Lipid profile, ECG, ECO, FBS, PP, Calcium score. Interested must visit in empty stomach. For details, contact Mob: 95380-52378.

Sunday clinic

Avati L. Ramasheshaiah and Lakshmi Devamma Clinic of Narayana Multi-speciality Hospital has organised a 'Sunday Clinic' at its premises on Vinoba Road, Shivarampet, Mysuru on Feb. 11 at 8 am. For details, contact Mob: 88847-44144.

Matrimonial meet on Feb.11

A matrimonial meet of Brahmin Trimathastha prospective brides and grooms will be held at Uttaradi Mutt near Gun House, Khille Mohalla in city at 10 am on Feb.11. [Mob: 99456-13810]

Seminar on Organic farming

As part of Radio Kisan Day, the Mysuru Prasar Bharthi, in association with Akashavani, has organised a seminar on the topic 'Organic farming models for a sustainable life' at CIIL on Hunsur Road at 5.30pm on Feb.15. Central Silk Board Chairman K.M. Hanumantharayappa will inaugurate the seminar. Akashavani Assistant Director H. Srinivas will preside. Dr. Khader will deliver the keynote address. Dr. G.N.S. Reddy of Tumakuru, Hullanachegowda of Kolar, Shivanand Kalave of Uttara Kannada, P. Ramesh of T.Narasipur and H.K. Lakshmi Devamma of Mandya will make presentations.

Submit rate list before Feb.15

The Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited expression of interest along with rate list, from firms which can insure CCTVs, Computers, Printers, UPS, Solar water heaters, TV etc, installed in Pre-matric and Post-matric hostels in the district. Last date for submission of rate list is Feb. 15. For details, call Ph: 0821-2342917.

PM Modi to visit Mysuru on Feb.19

- Will inaugurate electrified Mysuru-Bengaluru Double Railway Track
- Launch 8-laning of Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway
- Flag off train between Mysuru and Rajasthan
- Dedicate extended facilities and new Blocks at ESI Hospital
- Announce Naganahalli Satellite Terminal Railway Station
- Take part in BJP mammoth rally at Maharaja's College Grounds

Mysuru, Feb.10- Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who kick started the BJP's poll campaign in Bengaluru on Feb.4, will be visiting the city on Feb.19.

During his visit, the PM will inaugurate the electrified Mysuru - Bengaluru double Railway track, flag off the new train between Mysuru and Rajasthan and officially declare the Naganahalli Railway Station as a Satellite Terminal Station, for which the Centre has allocated Rs.789.29 crore in the Budget.

This apart, the Prime Minister will launch the eight-laning of Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway Road and also inaugurate the new Blocks at ESI Hospital on KRS Road.

After these official programmes, the Prime Minister will address a mammoth BJP rally at Maharaja's College Grounds at 4 pm, for which the State and local BJP leaders have already

begun preparations, according to MP Pratap Simha.

PM Modi inaugurating several significant Centre-sponsored projects during his visit to the city, is all set to give a fitting reply to the Congress in CM Siddharamaiah's home district of Mysuru, according to BJP sources.

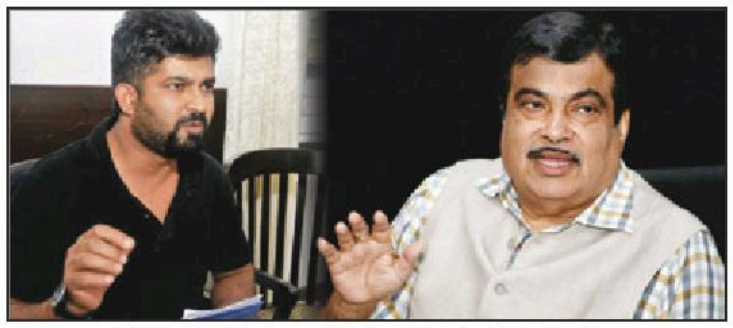
Centre has released Rs.79.60 crore for road development works in Mysuru & Kodagu: MP

Mysuru, Feb.10- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has said that the Union Minister of Surface Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari has released Rs.79.60 crore for the development of various roads across Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency.

The break up is as follows: Rs.5 crore for development of the stretch from Metropole Circle to Jaladarshni Guest House on Hunsur Road; Rs.5 crore for development of M.B. Road-Koorgalli-KRS Road in Mysuru city and taluk.

Kodagu

Rs.2 crore for development of 1.5km road from the backside of Bhadrakaleshwara Temple, Makkandur to Chainadheera



MP Pratap Simha and Union Minister Nitin Gadkari

Family Road stretch in Madikeri taluk and Rs.4 crore for development of Konanur-Ambatti Circle-Makutta Road in Virajpet taluk of Kodagu district.

Hunsur taluk

Rs.3 crore for development of Ranganatha Extension-Naganahalli-Tippalapura-Medu-ru-KMRA Road, Rs.3 crore for development of Santekere Kodi-Nanjapura-Uddur-Beejaganahalli-M.B. Road, Rs.4 crore for development of Km 28 to Km 36 of Mysuru-Bogadi Road passing through Hunsur taluk, Rs.8 crore for Moorakalu-Vadambalu-Hanagudu Road, Rs.3.9 crore for development of Hunsur-Periyapatna Road passing through Honnenahalli and Rs.4.5 crore for development of Gommatagiri- Kommegowdanakopplu-Gerasanahalli- Husenapura Bridge -Tenkanakoppalu-Gantegowdanakoppalu Road.

Periyapatna taluk

Rs.4.95 crore for development of Poonadahalli-Chikkanerale-Haranahalli Road, Rs.3.25 crore for development of RT Road- Chikkahanasoge- Chennammagere-Halaganahalli-Kanaganakoppa -M.B. Road, Rs.14 crore for development of Makodu-Ravandur-Attigodu- Kattemalalawadi-Chennammagere Road and Rs.15 crore for development of Hadya-Bettadapura-Feezerpet Road.

MP Pratap Simha has thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Minister Nitin Gadkiri for releasing the money.

Action sought against unauthorised schools

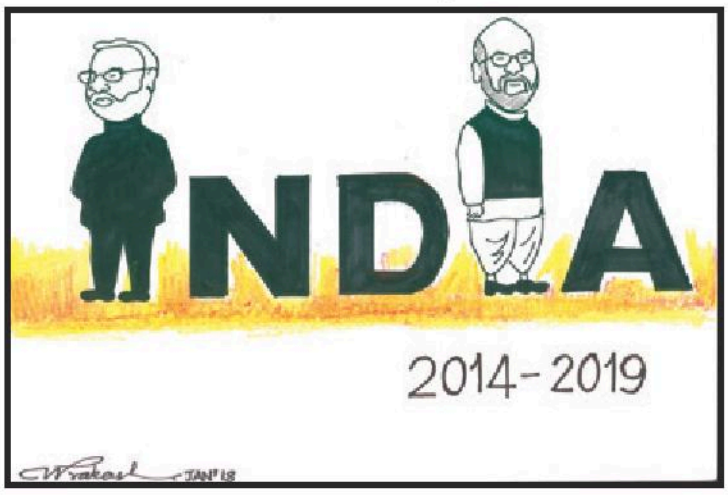
Mysuru, Feb.10- The Samaja Parivartana Janandolana - Karnataka (SPJK) has urged the Education Department authorities to release a list of unauthorised CBSE, ICSE and IGCSE Schools in the district, so that the parents can be careful while admitting their wards.

In a press release, SPJK office-bearers have sought the Education Department to release a list of authorised schools along with their affiliation number.

The release urged to close down such schools which do not allow admission under RTE Act and also fail to comply with other provisions of the RTE Act, failing which the Department will be held responsible for the functioning of unauthorised schools.

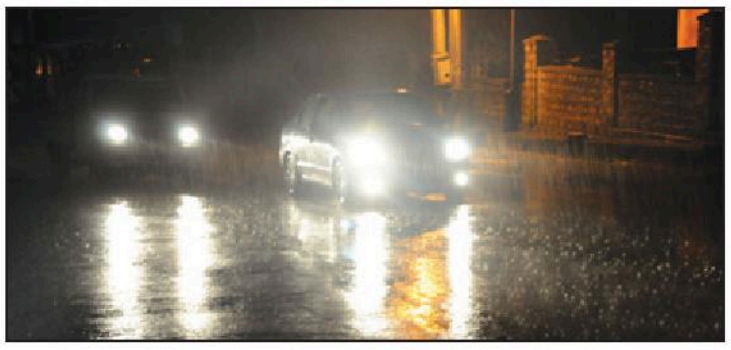
They have also warned of a legal battle if no action is taken against unauthorised institutions at the earliest.

TEASER By N. Prakash



City experiences sudden showers

Normal rainfall predicted this year



Mysuru, Feb.10 (NNN) - The city experienced sudden showers last evening. Since the last three days there was cloudy weather and it began raining in the evening. What began as a light drizzle turned to heavy downpour in some parts of city.

Temperatures cooled down a bit after the showers. In a few areas two-wheeler riders were put to a lot of inconvenience as they ran for cover. Apart from city, it rained in Gundlupet, Madikeri and a few other places.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. C. Govindaraju, Plant Protection Specialist, Organic Farming Research Station, Naganahalli said, "They are not sudden showers. It is due to depression in Arabian Sea and the cloudy weather. There is a sudden condensation and hence we had what is called the blossom showers *(Hoovu Male)*."

Asked whether the rains would continue, he said that there would be intermittent rains in a gap of five to ten days. "This is good for coffee growers in Chikmagalur, Sakleshpur and Kodagu districts as it will help in the pollination of flowers with just 5 mm rain. After the blossom showers, they have to induce flowering by using backwater. However, if it rains then they can save lakhs of rupees as they need not have to use diesel to pump water," he said.

Dr. Govindaraju said that since we had excess rainfall last year, this year there is going to be normal rainfall. "This is the trend we have seen in the last 60 years," he added. On why KRS was not being full since the last many years, he said, "We are responsible for the current situation. In the past KRS used to reach the maximum level of 124.8 feet. The forest cover has gone down by almost three per cent and due to this deforestation, the rainfall has come down."

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MP Shobha Karandlaje to stay at Kyathamaranahalli slum tonight

State BJP Slum Morcha General Secretary R. Kautilya Raghu visited the house of Indresh in Kyathamaranahalli in city yesterday where MP Shobha Karandlaje is going to stay tonight as part of 'slum stay.' Secretaries H.G. Giridhar, Dattatreya Shinde, City President Mahadev Prasad S. Madhu, ST Morcha City Vice-President Karthik Nayak and others are seen.

Mysuru, Feb.10 (SBD&NNN)- BJP MP and State General Secretary Shobha Karandlaje will stay tonight (Feb.10) at a slum-dwellers house in Kyathamaranahalli and hold meetings. The 'slum stay' and outreach programme ahead of the polls assumes significance.

Shobha Karandlaje

She will stay overnight at Indresh's house in Kyathamaranahalli slum colony and the local BJP leaders will also be present. She will arrive tonight at 8 pm and the slum-dwellers will accord her a traditional welcome. First, she will hold a meeting with them at Sri Rama Mandira and later have dinner at Indresh's house and stay there.

The next day (Feb.11), after breakfast they, will gather again at Sri Rama Mandira and she will release a report on the conditions of the slums in the State brought out by BJP Slum Morcha. Later, she will hold discussions with the locals and listen to their problems.

Our family is indeed very fortunate that a leader like Shobha Karandlaje is staying in a poor man's house. We will try to feed her the best food we can cook. My wife Krishnaveni, daughters Yashaswini, Jayashree and Vanita are also very happy.

—Indresh, Slum-dweller

BJP State Slum Morcha General Secretary R. Kautilya Raghu visited the slum colony last evening and interacted with the slum-dwellers and informed them about the programme.

Secretaries H.G. Giridhar, Dattatreya Shinde, City President Mahadev Prasad S. Madhu, ST Morcha City Vice-President Karthik Nayak and others were present.

Special programme: The aim of the 'slum stay' is to educate the slum-dwellers on how they have been merely treated as vote banks by the Congress leaders for several decades. Also, the leaders will highlight how they are coming up with novel programmes to mitigate their problems.

The other State BJP leaders including the State President and former Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa, K.S. Eshwarapa, R. Ashok and others will stay in the slums in different parts of the State.

Kyathamaranahalli slum comes under Ward no. 59 in N.R. Constituency and thousands of poor families in the Colony here are deprived of basic facilities like drinking water, roads and proper houses.

They say that when it is very difficult for them to make a living working on daily wagers, the question of educating the children does not arise at all. They also have the same aspirations as others to improve their lives.

CHESCom Engineer dies of heart attack at Shravanabelagola

C.D. Vidyadhar

Mysuru, Feb.10- A CHESCom Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) from the city reportedly died of heart attack while taking part in a Bahubali Mahamastakabhisheka procession at Shravanabelagola in Hassan district yesterday.

C.D. Vidyadhar (55), a resident of first Cross Bhavya Bharath Layout behind BEML Layout, Srirampura in city, is the deceased.

Vidyadhar was taking part in a procession as part of the ongoing Mahamastakabhisheka at Shravanabelogola, when he collapsed suddenly. He was rushed to a local hospital from where he was being shifted to Mysuru, when he died en route, it is learnt.

He leaves behind his wife Roopashri, daughter Aishwarya and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

Theft play boomerangs, car driver arrested

Police recover Rs. 94 lakh

Mysuru, Feb.10 (SPN&US)- Vidyaranyapuram Police have arrested a car driver for allegedly stealing about Rs.94 lakh belonging to the owner. Interestingly, the car driver had lodged a complaint with the Police claiming that the money was stolen by some miscreants.

The accused is Sayed Farhan, 24, working as a car driver for Sayed Shamshuddin, an iron dealer in Channapatna.

Shamshuddin was said to have sent Farhan along with the shop writer Nyamathullah on Feb.7 to collect money from sub-dealers in Kollegal, T. Narasipur and Nanjangud. After collecting the money, Farhan and Nyamathullah had come to Vishweshwaranagar in city to visit Mahalakshmi Steel Shop. After coming out of the shop, Farhan observed that the money had been stolen from the car and had lodged a complaint with Vidyaranyapuram Police.

The Police on quizzing Farhan elicited the truth. When Nyamathullah had gone to the shop in Vishweshwaranagar, as per a pre-planned plot, Farhan had handed over the money to his brother who was informed earlier to come there.

Farhan's brother had left immediately. Farhan was said to have pretended with Nyamatullah that the money had been stolen by some miscreants from the car.

The Police have recovered the amount of about Rs.94 lakh from Farhan and are looking for his brother.

Shrubs on vacant site set ablaze, residents panic

Mysuru, Feb.10 (SBD&US)- Residents went panic when shrubs on a vacant site near Axis Bank on Vishwamanava Double Road in Kuvempunagar here were allegedly set on fire by a few miscreants yesterday with dense smoke billowing from the blaze.

Sensing danger, Advocate Venugopal, residing in an apartment nearby, informed the Fire Brigade personnel who immediately arrived on the spot and doused the fire preventing any damage to nearby buildings.

The residents have expressed an apprehension that there were many vacant sites in city filled with shrubs and any mischief by a few miscreants can trigger fire.

The situation will be more alarming in summer. Neither MUDA nor MCC is worried about such hazardous vacant sites. MCC collects tax from vacant site owners to maintain cleanliness but it is only on paper.

It is high time MCC and MUDA should discuss with the owners of vacant sites on a possible catastrophe of fire, opine the residents.

Criminology students demand reservation in Police Department

Mysuru, Feb.10 (MTY&DM)- Criminology and Forensic Science students of Maharaja's College staged a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office (DC) here yesterday demanding reservation of jobs in Police Department for candidates holding degrees and post-graduate degrees in Criminology and Forensic Science.

Claiming that Criminology students are facing large-scale unemployment as they lacked suitable job opportunities, the protesters demanded reservation of jobs in Police Department as the Department was very much in need of qualified Criminology students. Maintaining that Criminology students were given priority in Police recruitments in Kerala and other States, the protesters urged the Government to seriously consider their plea of job reservation in the police Dept.

Earlier, the students marched in a procession from Maharaja's College to the DC's office passing through Ramaswamy Circle and JLB Road.

They also warned of intensifying their protest if the Government failed to meet their demand.

Obituary

Lion B.S. Virupaksha Shetty

Mysuru, Feb.10- Lion B.S. Virupaksha Shetty (68), a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away here yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife Parvathi, son Mallikarjuna Shetty, daughter Mallika Veeresh and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Ground in Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon, according to family sources.

'Sahaj Samadhi Meditation'

Mysuru, Feb.10- As part of Mahashivaratri, Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living has organised 'Sahaj Samadhi Meditation programme' at its premises, opposite JSS Ayurveda College, near Helipad in city from today (Feb.10 to Feb. 13) at 6 am, 11 am and 8 pm.

For details, contact Mob: 94480-48488, according to a press release.

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Organics and Millets Fair – A Report

Crowd at the International Millet Fair Food Court.

Products and Millets on display at the Trade Fair held in Bengaluru.

Two weeks ago I was in Bengaluru on work and I couldn't escape the advertisements for the Organics & Millets International Trade Fair-2018. It was a three-day international conference organised by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Karnataka, to bring organic farmers, organic product processors, manufacturers of farm equipment and also showcase millet as the new grain to replace rice.

The massive billboards all over the city were enticing enough to make us want to visit the largest congregation of India's organic community. The fair was held at Bangalore Palace. The event was well laid out and had gathered huge crowds. The food court was bustling and there was millet everywhere!

India has declared 2018 as the "National Year of Millets." The government is promoting 'millet' because millets need very little water to grow, have a short growing period and grow well even under dry, high temperature conditions.

Apart from being a sustainable crop, millets are three times nutritionally superior to rice and wheat in terms of proteins, minerals and vitamins.

More importantly, in a diabetic nation like ours, millets are ideal as they have a low glycemic index and are gluten-free. Generally in Karnataka, Bajra (Pearl millet), Jowar (Sorghum millet) and Ragi (Finger millet) are the commonly known millets but there are many more such as Kodo, Proso, Foxtail and Barnyard millets, all of which were being promoted and sold at the fair. Visitors could even sample all kinds of dishes at the food court that were prepared using only millets.

The food court did a good job of conveying to visitors the message — what you can make with rice you can make with millet. I tried the *dosa*, the *bisi bele baath* and the *puliyogare* — all made from millets. Apart from these, there were interesting dishes such as millet pizzas, millet cutlets, millet matka juice and millet Mysore Pak!

The display of stalls had organic products from biscuits to cereals to premixed organic food packets. While there were big organic brands like Phalada Pure & Sure and 24 Mantra, there were also local farmers directly selling their organic harvest. I bought half-a-kilo of black rice for 75 rupees from an organic farmer from Mandya.

Then there were quirky products like organic itch relief oil and oral detox oil! This detox oil had a label that said 'Oil Pulling' — an ancient Indian technique where natural oil is swished around in the mouth for 15 minutes to supposedly remove plaque, whiten teeth and strengthen gums.

It is noteworthy that Karnataka was the first State in India to formulate an Organic Policy in 2004. The policy has evolved as the land under certified organic cultivation has grown from 2,500 hectares in 2004 to 93,963 hectares today.

Overall, the Organics & Millets International Trade Fair was well organised and to a large extent fulfilled its purpose of bringing the organic community together and promoting a smarter diet.

Yes, millets are indeed the smarter choice but rice is a hard habit to break and this trade fair has to some extent convinced me, a rice-eater, to give millet a chance.

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Bahubalis in Karnataka

While all eyes are on the 58.8 feet tall monolithic statue of Lord Bahubali or Gommateshwara in Shravanabelagola for Mahamastakabhisheka held once in 12 years, there are other Bahubalis also in Karnataka and some of them need urgent conservation efforts. This *Weekend Star Supplement* takes the reader on a spiritual journey of some of the lesser known Bahubali statues across the State along with the well-known ones.

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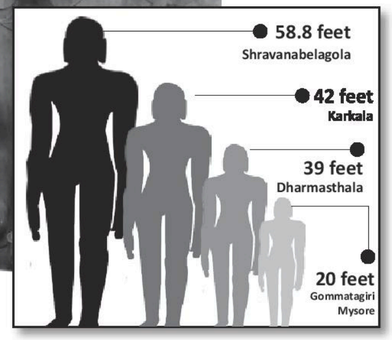
Tracking Karnataka's known and lesser-known BAHUBALIS



By S.R. Sridhar

History repeats' and it repeats at Shravanabelagola once in 12 years and it is called the Mahamastakabhisheka of Lord Bahubali or Gommateshwara. The 58.8-ft monolith statue of Bahubali standing atop Vindhyagiri in a meditative position with half-closed eyes and a faint smile becomes the focal point of Mahamastakabhisheka where the statue is anointed with several scented liquids.

Mastaka means head in Kannada and Abhisheka means anointment. So, together it is Mahamastakabhisheka that occurs once in 12 years. This year, the celebrations have already started. The anointment perse will begin from Feb. 17 and go on till Feb. 25.

Mahamastakabhisheka is a grand consecration and devotees celebrate this ritual by pouring 1,008 vessels of water from scaffolding near the top of the statue. After the offering water, the statue is anointed with a mixture of sugar-cane juice, milk, and saffron. Along with many sacred and fragrant liquids which smell far and wide, the statue is sprinkled with flower petals, turmeric and sandalwood powders along with vermillion. Devotees also offer valuable stones and coins made of silver and gold to the deity.

While the Bahubali statue at Shravanabelagola is the cynosure of all eyes, there are several Gommateshwara statues across Karnataka. While a handful of them are known to the people, there are several of them that are unknown or far from public view. Seeing these statues of the revered Jain monk or reading about them one feels why so many statues in Karnataka.

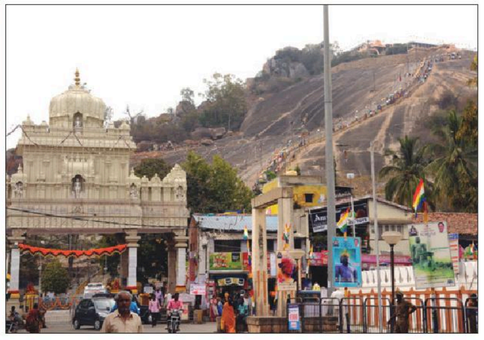
The answer lies in the influence of Jainism in Karnataka. While Shravanabelagola, Moodabidre, Karkala and Dharmasthala are considered as the hub of Jainism, the influence has also spread to Mysuru, Mandya and Shivamogga regions where Bahubali statues have been discovered.

Among the Gommateshwara statues found in Karnataka, the Bahubalis of Venur (near Beltangady) and Dharmasthala in Dakshina Kannada district, Karkala in Udupi district and Gommatagiri in Mysuru district are perhaps better known. Along with these statues, there is a bronze statue of Bahubali, which is worshipped at the altar of Gommateshwara in Shravanabelagola. The biggest bronze statue of Lord Bahubali is at Moodabidre Saavira Kambada Basadi or Thousand-Pillared-Temple.

There are many Bahubali statues in Karnataka and all of them are located in southern part of the State. This is due to Jain influence in the region. South Karnataka was a strong bastion of Jainism and legend says that Chandragupta Maurya, who reigned from 322 BC to 298 BC, abdicated his throne and followed his guru Bhadrabahu from Pataliputra to Shravanabelagola where he died. Later, this region was under the Gangas and the Hoysalas who were also strongly influenced by Jainism.

Shravanabelagola (Hassan District)

The Gommateshwara statue at Shravanabelagola is the largest monolithic statue of Bahubali in the world with 58.8 feet in height in Hassan District. The gigantic statue of Bahubali is carved out of a single block of granite rock and stands on top of Vindhyagiri or Vindhya hill. The carving of the statue started in 978 AD and it was commissioned by Chavundaraya, the Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief in the Talakadu Ganga Kingdom. The granite statue can be reached after climbing more than 600 steps.



According to the inscriptions at the base of the statue of Gommateshwara, it mentioned that Ganga Ruler Rachamalla's able General and Commander-in-Chief Chavundaraya's mother, Kalala Devi, saw a huge statue of Gommateshwara in her dreams. She vowed to get the statue carved and conveyed the decision to his son who decided to build the statue Shravanabelagola, at a site that was already sanctified by Jains.

Another legend says that Chavundaraya, on his way to pilgrimage with his mother, arrived at this place overshadowed by two hills, Chandragiri and Vindhyagiri with a pond in between. In a dream, Chavundaraya saw himself shoot an arrow from the summit of Chandragiri to the adjacent hill, as directed by a 'Yakshi' and the figure of Gommateshwara flashed from the spot where the arrow landed.

Following this, he commissioned the carving of the same image from a granite monolith under the supervision of sage Arishtanemi.

The statue faces north and Gommateshwara's upright posture of meditation known as 'Kayotsarga' that is practiced to attain salvation by practicing renunciation, self-restraint and complete dominance of ego. The digambara (nude) form is typical of Jain traditions and it symbolises one's victory over earthly attachments and desires that hampers their spiritual ascent towards divinity.

The statue has ringlets of curly hair and large elongated ears. His eyes are open in a face with perfectly chiselled features and are sporting a faint smile tugging at the corner of his lips. His face, smile and posture embody a calm vitality ascetic detachment. The statue depicts broad shoulders with arms stretched straight down.

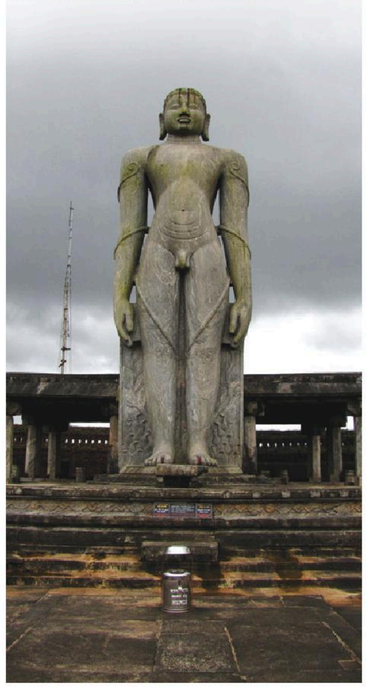
The base of the statue depicts an anthill and a creeper is twined around both his legs and arms, blossoming into flowers and berries on the upper arms. The statue stands on a carved lotus flower, a symbol of his sainthood and divinity and is devoid of support from the waist up.

The statue has linguistic significance with carved inscriptions in Kannada and Tamil, as well as the oldest evidence of written Marathi, dating back to 981 AD. The inscription is dedicated in praise of the Ganga king Rachamalla who funded the effort, and his general Chavundaraya, who commissioned the statue.

Karkala (Udupi)

The 42-feet Bahubali monolith statue is located at Karkala, one of the major junctions for religious tourists. Karkala region has tremendous influence of Jainism since the 14th and 16th Centuries. The region was ruled by Bhairavarasa family and king Veerapandyadeva consecrated the statue in 1432 AD on a rocky hill.

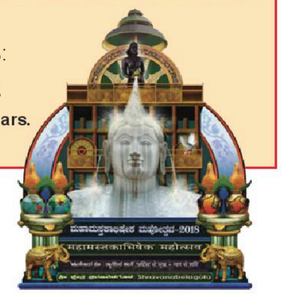
This particular statue is the tallest for the coastal districts and is the second tallest in Karnataka. Karkala derives its name from "Kari Kallu" that literally means black stone or black granite. This idol too is one of the main Jain pilgrimage centres. Whoever comes to Karkala will make it a point to visit the Saavira Kambada Basadi at Moodabidre. Karkala is also an important Jain pilgrimage site since it is home to around 18 basadis.



Why 12 years for Mahamastakabhisheka?

Some of the probable theories to explain why *Mahamastakabhisheka* is held once in 12 years:

- It took 12 years for the sculptor to carve the statue.
- Chavundaraya had directed to hold it once in 12 years.
- Bahubali undertook a penance for 12 years.



Dharmasthala (Dakshina Kannada District)

The third tallest Bahubali statue is located at Srikshetra Dharmasthala, the abode of Lord Manjunatha Swamy and Annappa Swamy – prominent Hindu deities. The presence of Bahubali at Rathnagiri, the heart of Dharmasthala, marks religious harmony. Interestingly, the Dharmadhikari (chief) of Dharmasthala Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade is a Jain.

The 39-feet statue was inspired by D. Rathnavarma Heggade and Rathnamma Heggade. Greatly influenced by Rathnavarma Heggade, famed sculptor Renjala Gopalakrishna Shenoy began carving the statue in 1966 at Karkala. This too is a single rock statue with a pedestal of 13-feet.

Renjala Gopalakrishna Shenoy completed the statue carving works in 1970 and Dharmadhikari Veerendra Heggade conceived a grand plan of transporting the 170-tonne statue from Karkala to Dharmasthala, covering a distance of 34 kilometres. The foundation stone for "Bahubali Vihara" atop Rathnagiri was laid in 1970.

The statue was transported on a trolley with 64 wheels that was driven by three tractors in 1973. The statue installation was completed on December 25, 1975 and the works were supervised by Veerendra Heggade and Hemavathi Heggade.

Gommatagiri (Mysuru District)

The nearest statue of Bahubali to Mysuru District is Gommatagiri in Hunsur Taluk on the way to Madikeri. The place is around 25 kilometres from Mysuru and the statue is about 20 feet. The height of Gommatagiri Mountain is about 200 feet. One has to climb 90 steps to reach the Bahubali statue.

The statue is over 700 years old and it is an early creation of Vijayanagar rulers in granite stone. It is also said that the statue was established by Ganga dynasty rulers. Snake, which is the traditional symbol of Jains, has been carved to encircle the feet of Lord Bahubali and wild vines have been carved from the feet to the head. This statue is quite similar to the Bahubali statue in Shravanabelagola.

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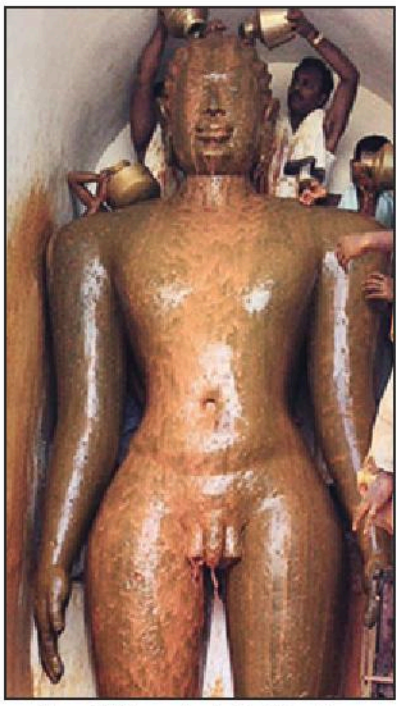
Bahubali statue at Venur in Beltangady.



Basthi Hosakote in Mandya.

10-ft statue at Arethippur.

Venur (Dakshina Kannada District)

The 38-feet Bahubali statue at Venur in Beltangady Taluk in Dakshina Kannada is the fourth tallest in Karnataka. It was established in 1604 AD by Fourth Thimmanna Ajjila. Venur has a recorded history since 1154 AD and it was ruled by Ajjila dynasty for over 632 years.

There is an interesting story behind this Bahubali statue. Bhairavarasa family that ruled Karkala wanted to take this statue to Karkala. To prevent this, Ajjila rulers and people buried the statue on the banks of Gurupura River.

A bitter battle took place between Bhairavarasa king and one of Ajjila kings. The Bhairavarasa king lost the battle and he was forced to drop the plan of shifting the Gommateshwara statue to Karkala. The statue was later dug out and consecrated. The single rock statue stands facing westward on a high platform on the banks of River Phalguni.

Basthi Hosakote (Mandya District)

This 18-feet Bahubali statue is located at Basthi Hosakote village at Bookanakere Hobli of K.R. Pet Taluk in Mandya District.

The place is also called Kurubara Basthihalli and is close to backwaters of River Cauvery. The statue is in a state of complete neglect and is located near a ruined temple belonging to the Ganga period. This statue is has not been authentically dated.

The statue does not depict artistic perfection, the thighs and knees are globular in shape and disproportionate. The village was once perhaps a Jain centre, but today is Kuruba dominated. Mahamastakabhisheka is performed here by Basthi Hosakote Bhagavan Bahubali Digambara Jain Trust.

Shravanabelagola (Hassan District)

Be it every year and every Mastakabhisheka or Mahamastakabhisheka, thousands of devotes land in Shravanabelagola. The crowd is more during the Mastakabhisheka and Mahamastakabhisheka. Not everyone can climb the 600 plus steps of Vindhyagiri to reach the Bahubali statue.

Realising this, the temple authorities have commissioned another miniature Gommateshwara statue that will be placed below the Vindhyagiri in front of Bandara Basadi. The ash rock statue has been carved at Shilpakala Kendra at Dasappadoddi near Ramanagaram by sculptor Ashok Gudigar.

The 10-feet statue has been carved and transported to Shravanabelagola and will be consecrated before the actual Mahamastakabhisheka begins.

Arethippur (Mandya District)

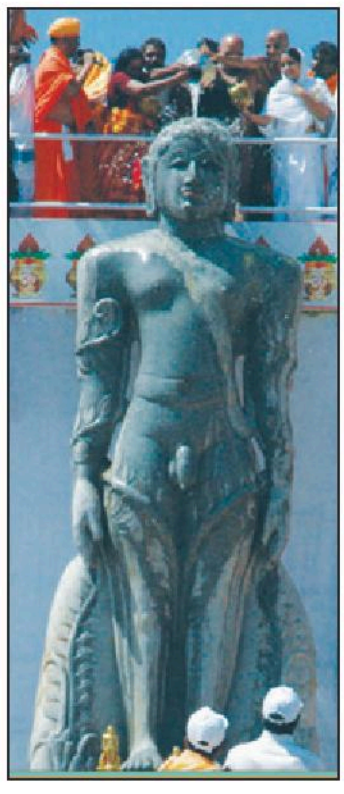
Though the Arethippur Bahubali is not as famous as the Bahubalis in Shravanabelagola and Karkala, it pre-dates the Shravanabelagola Bahubali and was established by Ganga dynasty rulers. The 10-feet statue at Arethippur was established in 843 AD while the Shravanabelagola statue was completed only in 993 AD.

Apart from the Bahubali statue, traces and remains of many Basadis, statues of Yaksha and Yakshis, Jain Thirthankaras, logos can still be found at Arethippur. Unfortunately, the place has been neglected by authorities and the evidences of ancient history are slowly vanishing. Arethippur is also called Bastipura or Basadi Tippur, near Kokkare Bellur in Maddur taluk. The first Mahamastakabhisheka to this Bahubali was performed on Dec. 2, 2017.

Kanakagiri (Chamarajanagar District)

Kanakagiri, literally translated to Kannada means hill of gold. Here stands an 18-feet statue of Lord Bahubali. This is not an old statue but was installed in 2017. The consecration of the statue and the first Mahamastakabhisheka were performed in February 2017 and the rituals were led by Antharmana 108 Munishri Prasannasagar Maharaj, 108 Munishri Piyush Sagar Maharaj and Swasthishri Bhuvanakeerthi Bhattaraka Swamiji.

The statue installation was done by Mysuru's Vishalendra and Madanavali and their children Mahaveera and Dharmendra Kumar.



Hombuja (Shivamogga District)

Humcha or Hombuja in Shivamogga district is a Jain pilgrim centre and there are two statues of Gommateshwara — each measuring about 10 feet to 12 feet and belongs to the Hoysala period and maintained by the Hombuja Mutt.

Coastal Cultural Fest begins

The artistic entrance to Rani Abbakka fest at Maharaja's College Grounds.

Women taking a look at the coastal artefacts on display at the expo.

Students performing dance at the Utsava.

A child rocking the traditional wooden cradle on display at the expo.

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Koti Channaiah Mahadwara, the welcome arch to the event, attracted the attention of everyone for its splendour and so also the Kayyara Kinhanna Rai Hall and Parashurama Vedike specially erected for the purpose.

A coastal art, tradition and cultural expo, with 12 stalls, provides information and insights into a whole range of coastal richness, highlighting religious practices, educational and academic achievements, food habits, art and literature, folklore including the famous yakshagana art and eminent personalities.

The expo features over a hundred personalities from coastal region who have excelled in various fields such as politics, sports, art and culture, literature, cinema, business, academics, researchers and scholars etc.

The photo expo also features great personalities such as Kota Shivaram Karanth, Gopalakrishna Adiga, U.R. Ananthamurthy, M. Govinda Pai, Sudhakar Bhandari, Bannanje Govindacharya, K.V. Kamath, Santosh Hegde, Sir Benegal Rama Rau, Shantharam Pai; freedom fighters Karnad Sadashiva Rao, K.S. Hegde, U. Srinivas Mallya, Narsing Rau, R. Ranganath Shenoy, Vaikunta Baliga; political leaders Shobha Karandlaje, Jayaprakash Hegde, V.S. Acharya, Ramakrishna Hegde, Margaret Alva, Jeevaraj Alva, D.V. Sadananda Gowda, Manorama Madhwaraj, B. Ramanath Rai, U.T. Khader, Vinaykumar Sorake, Veerappa Moily, T.A. Pai, Janardhan Poojary, Oscar Fernandes, Nalin Kumar Kateel, B.M. Idinabba, I.M. Jayaram Shetty, George Fernandes, U.T. Fareed and B.A. Mohiuddin; Artists, singers and actors such as Kalpana, Gurudatt, Anant Nag, Shankar Nag, Aishwarya Rai, Shilpa Shetty, Anushka Shetty, Vinaya Prasad, Kashinath, Upendra, Gurukiran, V. Manohar.

The TMA Pai Business Enclave having 10 stalls features an expo of hospitals, educational institutions, business and commercial establishments, public and private sector banks having roots in coastal districts and the like.

The two-day gala event presents a refreshing entertainment through a variety of cultural programmes to be performed by noted singers and artistes and exposure to rich Karavali traditions and practises. A number of food stalls offering a whole range of Karavali dishes have come up at the venue.

FKCCI Vice-President Sudhakar S. Shetty, who is also the President of Rani Abbakka Samskrutika Utsava Samithi, Mysuru, office-bearers of various associations and organisations from coastal region were present.

Thousands of people had assembled at the venue for the mega event which was scheduled to be formally inaugurated by former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda when we went to press.

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"Tier-2 cities must contribute to country's growth"

Mysuru, Feb.10- Availability of skilled manpower for the industry is going to be important to achieve and sustain a higher productivity and proficiency, said CII Mysuru Chairman Arjun Ranga.

He was addressing the members of the CII on the topic 'Emerging New Manufacturing Technologies and need for Skill Development' at the CII office premises here recently and said that India ranks sixth among the 10 largest manufacturing countries in the world and is moving progressively for a bigger share in the manufacturing global market.

The next generation manufacturing practices across the world are further pushing quality and competitiveness to higher levels. These shifts are recognised and called as Industry 4.0 or Smart Manufacturing started by Germany and is gaining momentum in US, Japan, China, UK etc., he said.

"Automotive industry is one of the pioneers to implement industry 4.0. The automobile sector in India is one of the largest in the world and accounts for over 7.1 percent of India's GDP and contributes nearly 22 percent of manufacturing GDP," he said.

"To remain globally competitive Indian Industry needs to adopt 4.0. It is more important and relevant especially for industries based out of tier-2 cities to be competitive and contribute to our country's growth," said Ranga.

"The industries from Mysuru need to look at setting up cluster based multi-skill centres to meet the skilled manpower demand coming from across sectors. We should also strongly bridge industry — institute interaction and handhold in enhancing their infrastructure and training centres," he said.

Later there was an interaction with the members.

Poor public response to MCC pre-Budget meeting

Mayor B. Bhagyavathi chairing a pre-Budget meeting at the Council Hall in MCC in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Feb.10 (SBD&NNN)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had invited the public to participate in a pre-Budget meeting for the year 2018-19 and to give their suggestions. However, there was a lukewarm response as hardly anybody turned up.

In the meeting chaired by Mayor B. Bhagyavathi at the Council Hall of the Corporation here yesterday, only very few people came and gave their opinions. In fact the Corporators who had come to listen to the people were more in number and actively participated in the discussion. Hence, the city fathers just shifted their roles and gave suggestions unlike when they meet during Council meetings and debate aggressively.

Corporator J.S. Jagadish said that instead of the Budget being only a document should be closer to reality while it is presented. The programmes should be chalked out based on the revenue collected by the Corporation. Hence, there is no point in announcing grandiose schemes which cannot be implemented. The focus should be on development and setting up of stadiums for the benefit of the people, he added.

State Nayaka Hitarakshana Vedike leader Devappa Nayak urged for the construction of Valmiki Bhavan, which is a demand of the community for more than a decade. Hence, it should be given importance in the next Budget. Added to this, the Grant should also be set aside for the statue of Maharishi Valmiki. The ST students who pass in competitive exams should be given scholarships to encourage them, he said.

Former Deputy Mayor Omkar Prasad said that the traffic problems are increasing in the city. The signal systems must be in place in all important junctions and working efficiently. Also the road humps and barricades must be erected properly to prevent accidents, he added.

Pink autos

Former Deputy Mayor Pushpavalli said, the MCC should come forward to empower women. It should once again start encouraging Sthree Shaktis involved in cottage industries. Just like in Bengaluru, pink autos for women should be implemented here and the women should be helped with subsidy to purchase autos and given driver training.

Chairman of City Planning and Improvement Standing Committee Balasubramanya (Snake Shyam) said that the parks which are lying in a state of neglect should be converted into social forestry parks. Ugly barricades on Sayyaji Rao Road should be removed and replaced with aesthetic designed ones.

State Nekarara Hitarakshana Samithi President S. Diwakar echoing the views of Snake Shyam said that if steel barricades are placed, it would look very beautiful. Corporator Shankar said that the taxes must be collected from the new layouts transferred from MUDA to MCC.

Deputy Mayor M.K. Indira, MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, Health Standing Committee Chairman K.T. Cheluvegowda, Finance Standing Committee Chairman K.P. Ashwini, former Mayors Srikantaiah and R. Lingappa, Corporator Shivakumar and others were present.

Congress leader Abdulla to join JD(S) on Feb.17

Mysuru, Feb.10 (RK&DM)- With the Assembly elections round the corner, the JD(S) which is hoping to come to power on its own, is luring prominent leaders of the ruling Congress to its fold.

Abdulla

As part of its poll strategy, the JD(S) is in talks with Congress leader from N.R. Constituency Abdullah, who is said to be disgruntled with the party, to bring him into the party fold ahead of the Assembly polls.

JD(S) State President and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy, who arrived in city from Madikeri on Wednesday night, is said to have met Abdulla, a resident of Bannimantap, at a hotel near Highway Circle in the city on Thursday morning and held talks with him for nearly an hour.

Former Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar and city JD(S) President K.T. Cheluvegowda were present during meeting.

Following the talks, Abdulla, who is disenchanted with the Congress for not giving him any post, is almost certain to join the JD(S) on Feb.17 at Bengaluru, where JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda and BSP Supremo Mayawati are to address a rally.

Once Abdulla joins the party, the JD(S) is likely to field him from N.R. Constituency to take on Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait, who is all set to contest again on a Congress ticket in the forthcoming Assembly polls.

'People are turning to Ayurveda now'

Book on Ayurveda Doyen Nambisan released

Mysuru, Feb.10 (RKB&US)- Dasappa Vichara Samsthe had organised a workshop on simple Ayurvedic treatments at Government Ayurveda Medical College in city recently which also featured release of the book 'Doyen of Ayurveda P.T.K. Nambisan: Life, achievement and environment.'

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. V. Rajendra, Head of Kaya treatment, Government Ayurveda Medical College, said that ayurvedic medicine can cure many fatal diseases and hence has become popular among people. However, innovative allopathic medicines was a setback for ayurveda which has reversed the trend with people favouring ayurveda now. He opined that simple ayurvedic medicines could be prepared from herbs and straw and added that the book on Nambisan was a valuable guide for ayurveda dated back to Vedic times.

Renowned Ayurveda Doctor Jayaprakash Narayan released the book on Nambishan.

Dr. M.G.R. Urs released the book 'Mangarasana aramaneya adugegalu.' College Principal Dr. Gajanana Hegde presided. Dasappa Vichara Samsthe Trustee Saroja Dasappa was present.

Power disruption

Mysuru, Feb.10- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas on Feb.12 between 10 am and 5 pm: Narayana Hrudayalaya, Rajivnagar 2nd Stage, Al-badar Masjid, Suryanarayana Temple, Christian Colony and surrounding areas.

At Nanjangud on Feb.11 from 10 am to 5 pm: Kempisiddana Hundi, Hilimavu, Hadinaru, Hosakote, Tumbunerale, Balaji, Indus, Ganapathi, KIADB 1 and 2 Gram Panchayat limits, Devirammanahalli, Devarasanahalli, Kalale, Naviluru, Sindhuvalli, Koodlapura, Kasuvinahalli Gram Panchayat limits and surrounding places.

On Feb. 12 from 10 am to 5 pm: Shiramalli, Heggadhalli, Haginavalu, Rampura, Hullahalli, Nelitalapura, Kurihundi, Haradanahalli, Duggahalli GP limits and surrounding areas.

'Media is the foundation for growth of languages'

Dr. T.C . Poornima, writer and Assistant Director , Directorate of Field Publicity (third from left), Mysuru District Journalists Association President C.K. Mahendra and others seen at the Kannada Sahitya Parishat auditorium in the city, recently.

Mysuru, Feb.10 (SBY&NNN)- The print, and audio-visual media has played a big role in the development of Kannada language and the media is the foundation for the growth of the languages, said Dr. T.C . Poornima, Writer and Assistant Director, Directorate of Field Publicity.

She was addressing the gathering at a programme on "Kannada in Mass Media- An Overview," jointly organised by District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota, held at the Kannada Sahitya Parishat auditorium in the north gate of the Mysore Palace, here recently.

Quoting an incident from Swami Vivekananda's life, Dr. Poornima recalled that when he had gone abroad to deliver a talk, the foreigners there tried to humiliate him by keeping the works of all the nations above the Bhagavad Gita. The speaker there told Swami Vivekananda that while other works were way above, the Indian epic was at the bottom of the pyramid. The monk got up and sagely replied "I saw all your pyramids. But I found that for all these works, my country's Bhagavad Gita from the epic Mahabharatha is the foundation. If this foundation was not there then none of the others would have existed." Likewise, she added that for the growth of the languages, media is the foundation. Mysuru District Journalists Association President C.K. Mahendra who inaugurated the programme said, "If we were taught science and mathematics using the original English words instead of their translation in Kannada, our understanding of the science subjects could have been better."

Mahajana First Grade College, Head of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication Dr. Bhargavi D. Hemmige also spoke. Dist. Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Dr. Y.D.Rajanna and Kannada Sahitya Kala Koota President M. Chandrashekar and others were present.

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Former India cricketer David Johnson inaugurates 'Mahadasara' Sports Meet

Mysuru, Feb.10- 'Mahadasara-2018,' the annual fest of Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT), a unit of Maharaja Education Trust (MET), was inaugurated by David Johnson, former International cricketer, Team India, recently at the College premises.

The guest, convener of the fest, Principal and MET Members, holding the flags of India, Karnataka and MIT, were brought to the stage on the horse backs, lead by a professional band, for the inauguration which witnessed more than 2,000 students and 200 staff of MITM.

After addressing the gathering, the former fast bowler and the present coach at National Cricket Academy for U-16 boys, David Johnson inaugurated the Sports Meet by bowling to the MET members.

As part of this event, spanning from Feb.5 to 10, the College had organised a State-level Cycle Race from Balarama Gate of Mysore Palace to the College premises yesterday.

This event, which had a tag line *'Save fuel, be eco-friendly - start cycling,'* attracted many a professional cyclists from across the State apart from the MET Members, MITM staff and students. The cycle race was flagged off by MET Members and the Convenor of Mahadasara-2018 near Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Mysuru.

Later in the College, victorious participants were given the prizes, distributed by Dy.SP K.B. Vishwanath (Srirangapatna), who was the chief guest of the award function.

THE RESULTS

(Cycling Race)

Non MITian (Men): 1. H.M. Madhu Kumar (Rs.10,000), **2.** N. Kamalraj (Rs.7,000) and **3.** C. Manjunatha (Rs.3,000); **Women: 1.** Fariyal Jamadar (Rs.10,000), **2.** C. Keerthi Rangaswamy (Rs.7,000) and **3.** Ankita Bisoyi (Rs.3,000).

MITian (Boys): 1. Ganesh (Rs.3,000) and **2.** C. K. Ninan (Rs.2,000); **Girls: 1.** L. Anusha (Rs. 3,000) and **2.** Deepa Urs (Rs.2,000).

Staff of MIT (Men): 1. Abhilash (Rs. 2,000) and **2.** Prasanna Pateel (Rs.1,000); **Women: 1.** B.N. Bhavyashree (Rs.2,000) and **2.** Myriam Marie Delcasse (Rs. 1,000).

Former India cricketer David Johnson** (extreme right) **is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate 'Mahadasara-2018,' the annual fest of Maharaja Institute of Technology (MIT), at the College premises recently, as** (from left) **A.M. Aniruddha, Asst. Professor of Civil Engineering and Sports Co-ordinator, Dr. G. Hemantha Kumarr, Vice-President of MET, Dr. T. Vasudev, Secretary of MET, Dr. H.K. Chethan, Joint Secretary of MET and Dr. D.S. Guru, Treasurer of MET, look on.

Winners of State-level Cycle Race organised as part of 'Mahadasara-2018,' the annual fest of MIT, with the members of MET.

State-level Cycle Race being flagged off by MET Members near Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, yesterday.

Indra Nooyi becomes ICC's first independent woman Director

New Delhi, Feb.10- Indra Nooyi, the PepsiCo Chairman and CEO, has been appointed to the ICC Board as its first independent female Director.

Nooyi, whose appointment was unanimously confirmed in a meeting yesterday, will join the Board in June 2018.

Last year, the ICC had approved a wide list of changes to its governance structure, including the expansion of its Board to 17 directors: 12 Full Members, three Associates, the ICC chairman, and an independent Director who must be a woman. In November 2017, the ICC opened the recruitment process for the post.

Indra Nooyi

Wins Tipster Tally Trophy

Star of Mysore ***and*** *Mysooru Mithra* ***Racing Correspondent P.G. Chandrasekar is seen receiving the Tipster Tally Trophy (****Star of Mysore****-winner,*** *Mysooru Mithra****-runner-up) from Mysore Race Club (MRC) Chairman G. Venkatesh in city recently as MRC Stewards and Committee Members look on.***

Students pedal for 'Swachh Bharat'

Students of Kautilya Vidyalaya took out a Cycle Rally to create awareness on environment and health besides spreading the message of 'Swachh Bharat Swasth Bharat' in city this morning. The Rally, which was flagged off by Dr. T.C. Poornima, Assistant Director of Directorate of Field Publicity, from Ramakrishnanagar Circle, passed through the main thoroughfares of Kuvempunagar. The students were accompanied by Vidyalaya Chairman R. Kautilya Raghu and MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha. Vidyalaya Principal Dr. L. Savitha, *Apna Desh* ***Secretary G.S. Ganesh, Citizen Forum Member Karthik, GSS Foundation's Srihari and Ramanath were also present on the occasion.***

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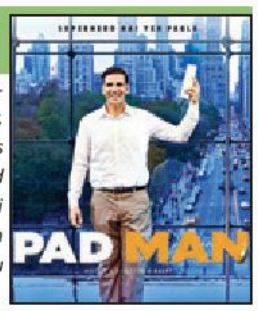

PAD MAN *is a biographical comedy-drama film written and directed by R. Balki, featuring Akshay Kumar, Sonam Kapoor, and Radhika Apte in lead roles. It is based on the short story 'The Sanitary Man of Sacred Land' in Twinkle Khanna's book 'The Legend of Lakshmi Prasad,' which is inspired by the life of Arunachalam Muruganantham, a social activist from Tamil Nadu who introduced low-cost sanitary pads.*

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	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
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Kanaka	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Real Real II	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Raghuveera	Prabha	2423569	2 Shows
Raju - Kannada Medium	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
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	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
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HINDI			
Kaalakaandi	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Pad Man	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Bhaagamathie	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
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Padmaavat (H-3D)	(S-1)	10.35 am, 3.50 pm
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	(S-3)	7.45 pm
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-1)	6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Samhaara (K)	(S-2)	10.50 am
Naanu L/O Jaanu (K)	(S-2)	1.35 pm
Prema Baraha (K)	(S-2)	4.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Intelligent (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Bhaagamathie (Te)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Kalakalappu 2 (Ta)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Gayatri (Te)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Pad Man (H)	(S-4)	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm

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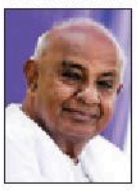
Pad Man (H)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 3.50, 6.50, 9.50
	(S-4)	9.50 am, 9.30 pm
Intelligent (Te)	(S-4)	3.45 pm
Padmaavat (H-3D)	(S-1)	12.15 pm, 3.35 pm, 9.50
Padmaavat (H-2D)	(S-3)	9.35 am, 6.25 pm
Naanu L/O Jaanu (K)	(S-3)	12.50 pm
Bhaagamathie (Te)	(S-1)	6.55 pm
Samhaara (K)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Toli Prema (Te)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Prema Baraha (K)	(S-2)	9.40 am
	(S-4)	6.20 pm
Gayatri (Te)	(S-3)	9.35 am
Kalakalappu 2 (Ta)	(S-4)	12.45 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.10)

Kalasuruchi: Story-telling for kids by Dr. R. Purnima, Director, Children's Literary Club, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**



Book Release: Book on former Prime Minister **H.D. Deve Gowda** titled 'Sadaneya Shikhararohana' encapsulating his ten months and ten days as Prime Minister of the country will be released by Adichunchanagiri Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, former Vice-Chancellor of Goa and Mangalore Universities Prof. B. Sheik Ali presides, Authors of the book Prof. C. Naganna and Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta will be present, Senate Bhavan, Manasagangothri, **4.30 pm.**

Dakshina Kannada Zilla Sangha, organisations of Coastal regions, Rani Abbakka Utsava Samithi, Ullal, Mangaluru: Rani Abbakka Samskrutika Utsava (Cultural Festival), 'Rani Abbakka Award' presentation ceremony-2 — Sri Vidya Prasanna Theertha Sripadangal of Kukke Sri Subramanya Mutt will confer the award on journalist Vijayalakshmi Shibaruru; Chitpavana Brahmana Sangha President Srikara Hebbar, Mysuru Hotel Owners Association Charitable Trust President Ravi Shastri, Gowda Saraswata Brahmana Sabha President M. Mahesh Shenoi and Lingappa Gowda of Dakshina Kannada Zilla Gowda Sangha guests of honour, Dakshina Kannada Zilla Sangha President V. Srinivasa Rao will presides, **5 pm;** Mime show 'Puranadinda Kaliyugadavarage,' **6 pm;** 'Hasya Sanje' and Byari cultural programme, **6.20 pm;** Staging of Kannada play 'Rani Abbakka' by Vidhatri troupe, Maharaja's College Grounds, **7 pm.**

Maharaja Institute of Technology Mysore (MITM), Belavadi: Valedictory of Mahadasara-2018, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Open Air Theatre, **5.30 pm;** Laser Show, Main Stage - Sports Ground, **6.15 pm to 7 pm;** Cultural Programme, Main Stage - Sports Ground, **7 pm to 8.30 pm;** Fashion Show, Main Stage - Sports Ground, **8.30 pm to 9 pm.**

Nadamrutha Sangeetha Vidyalaya: 3rd anniversary, Dr. B.K. Dinkar, Founder, Natyalaya, Bengaluru, inaugurates, Akashavani Mysuru Deputy Director (Programme) H. Srinivas presides, writer Anuradha P. Samaga chief guest, felicitation to actor Akshata Pandavapura, Sarada Vilas Pharmacy College auditorium, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm.**

Arivu Nature Resource Centre: Lecture on 'Wild Cats of India' by R. Navya, Arivu Vidyasamsthe premises, Lingambudhipalya, Srirampura, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Athmajnanandaji speaks on 'The Gospel of Holy Mother,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust: Sri Purandaradasa and Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana, 'Devaranamma' recital from various Bhajana Mandalis, Sri Rama Mandira premises, Srirampet, **6 pm.**

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B.M. Subbanna Endowment programme, Vocal concert by Hemmige Prashanth, accompanied by Mridangam maestro Trichy Sankaran (Canada), T.K.V.R.Charlu on violin and Guruprasanna on khanjira, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: 31st anniversary and Thyagaraja-Purandaradasa Aradhana Mahotsava, vocal recital by Vid. A.P. Rao, Sri Vidya Baharati Prarthana Mandira, V.V. Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.11)

Dakshina Kannada Zilla Sangha, organisations of Coastal regions, Rani Abbakka Utsava Samithi, Ullal, Mangaluru: Rani Abbakka Samskrutika Utsava (Cultural Festival), Feature on 'Tulunadina Siri,' **8.30 am;** Gowda Saraswata Brahmana Samskruti, **8.50 am;** Devotional Songs by Vidyabhushana, **9.15 am;** Launch of 'Tulunada Samskruti' website and 'Rani Abbakka' edition by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, Minister U.T. Khader presides, former MP Jayaprakash Hegde guest of honour; 'Rani Abbakka Award' presentation ceremony-3 — Former Minister Rani Sathish will confer the award on Rathna B. Shetty of Deaf Children Parents Association-Mysuru; Dakshina Kannada Kulala Seva Sangha President K. Jayaram, The Byari Welfare Association President N. Mohammed Haji, Dakshina Kannadigara Okkuta - BEML President Mohandas Prabhu, Haveeka Sangha President L.N. Hegde, Konkani Christian Association President Vincent Crasta and Chutuku writer Dr. B. Sathish Rai guests of honour, Bunts Sangha President T. Prabhakar Shetty presides, **10.30 am;** Women's Poets Meet (Kavigoshti) — Music by Balachandra and troupe, Painting by Jaan Chandra and Dance by Deepika Bhat and troupe. KPA Dy. Director Dr. Dharanidevi Malagatti presides, Participating poetesses - Dr. Kavita Rai, Dr. Lolakshi, Sahana Kanthabailu, Lavanya Prabhu, Vijayamala, Champa Shivanna and Dr. Chandrakala Nandavara, **11.15 am;** Konkani entertainment prog., **12.45 pm;** Dance-Drama 'Dashavatara - Hanuman Chalisa,' **1 pm;** 'Byari Samskruti - Open Pot mattu Daph Muttu,' **1.25 pm;** 'Rani Abbakka Award' presentation ceremony-4 — Shafi Sahadi of Bengaluru will confer the award on social worker from Mangaluru Kairunnisa Syed. Murudeshwara Navayit Association President Adbul Gafur, Tulu Shivalli Madhwa Maha Mandali President M. Krishnadas Puranik, Sri Gurunarasimha Mithra Mandali President Udayashankar Bhat, Billawa Sangha President D. Harindrakumar, Industrialists Abdul Aziz and Gracian Rodrigues guests of honour, Billawa Sangha Hon. President J.B. Poojar presides, **1.45 pm;** Tulunada Vaibhava, **2.15 pm;** 'Tittiri Majalu - Tulu Samskruti Ondu Nota,' **2.35 pm;** Feature 'Karavali Rutu Sambhrama,' **2.55 pm;** 'Yaksha Natya' by Siddivinayaka Natyakala Kendra, Suratkal, **3.15 pm;** 'Rani Abbakka Award' presentation ceremony-5 — Former Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Prof. K.S. Rangappa will confer the award on cine actor M. Leelavathi. Karavali Okkuta Mandya President Jagannath Shetty, Sri Jnanashakti Samskruti Sabha President Ananda Rao, Rama Kshatriya Sangha President H. Sridhar, Karavali Samskrutika Chavadi President Dr. Dinesh Kumar Shetty, Sri Krishna Trust Vice-President P. Jayaram Bhat and Industrialist Dr. Sudhir Shetty guests of honour, Ram Vittaladas of Dasaprakash Group presides, **4.45 pm;** Valedictory — Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathi Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Ministers D.V. Sadananda Gowda, B. Ramanath Rai and Tanveer Sait, MLAs M.K. Somashekar and G.T. Devegowda, former Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad, former MP A.H. Vishwanath and former Legislator A.G. Kodgi guests of honour, Utsava Samithi Mysuru President Sudhakar S. Shetty presides, **5 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha by Padiyar and troupe, **6 pm;** 'Tulunada Vaibhava' - An overview of Tulu culture, Maharaja's College Grounds, **7 pm.**

Manvantara Samooha Balaga [95385-22053]: Shivaratri celebrations, Rangoli contest focussing on Lord Shiva, Vasavi Educational Institutions, near Samrat Kalyana Mantap, Kuvempunagar, **9.30 am.**

Mysore District Chess Association (MDCA): Mysuru District Chess Championship for U-7, U-9, U-11, U-13 & U-15 (boys & girls), University Lions Hall (Opposite University Oval Grounds), **9.30 am.**

Mulakanadu Sabha Charitable Trust [99003-71796]: Tyagaraja Aradhana Mahotsava, music contest, Mulakanadu Sabha Bhavana, Hunsur Road, **10 am.**

JSS Mahavidyapeetha and Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles: Handicraft Exhibition, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Plot No. 432, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Sahara Art and Craft: Handcraft and Handloom Expo, Scouts and Guides Ground, behind DC's office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**

Mysuru Zilla Gamaka Kala Parishat: Kavya Vyasanga Goshti, PuTiNa's 'Sriharicharite' Vaachana by Vidu. Meena Nagaraj and Vyaakhyaana by Phani Srinivas, #1315/2, 'Haripriya,' 3rd Cross Road, Krishnamurthypuram, **11 am.**

Malali Family, Karnataka Vichara Vedike: Prof. Vasu Malali Award Presentation and releasing of book 'Prof. Vasu Malali Barahagalu,' *Rashtrakavi* Kuvempu's daughter Tarini Chidananda confers award on Ayub Ahmed (who cremates unidentified bodies), The President Hotel, opposite Woodland Theatre, **11 am.**

All India BSNL Pensioners' Welfare Association, Karnataka Circle: Open Session of IV Circle Conference, Karnataka Circle Chief General Manager R. Mani chief guest, Regional Telecom Training Centre, near Kamakshi Hospital, **2 pm.**

Cardiology Society of India, Mysuru: Programmes to create awareness about the heart ailments in women — Drawing and Painting Competition, MAA auditorium, J.K. Grounds, **2.30 pm to 4.30 pm;** Walkathon (Walk for a healthy heart) from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple-Palace North Gate to J.K. Grounds, **4 pm;** Inauguration and Public Education Programme, **6 pm;** Cultural programmes (Dance and Skits), J.K. Grounds, **6.30 pm.**

Vid. Gangadhar V. Bhat's Felicitation Committee: Felicitation to Vid. Gangadhar V. Bhat (retd. Asst. Professor of Govt. Maharaja Sanskrit College, Mysuru), Promoda Devi Wadiyar special invitee, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan-New Delhi Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.N. Shastry chief guest, Govt. Sanskrit College-Melukote Principal Vid. Umakanta Bhat delivers felicitation address, releasing of documentary film and felicitation volume 'Jnana Gangadharah,' Nyaya Choodamani Rajeshwar Shastri (Principal, Srimad Jagadguru Shakaracharya Sanskrit Pathashala, Dharwad) will be present, Sarasvati Prasada, Govt. Maharaja Sanskrit College, **3 pm.**

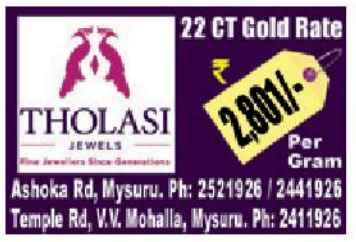
Manjushree Groups: Manjushree Fest-2018, releasing of C.T. Manjunath's poetry collection 'Usiru' and poster of drawing book 'Dreams' of Manjula Harish, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **4 pm.**

Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP): Monthly public meeting, on issues pertaining to weights and measures, H.K. Anandkumar, Inspector of Legal Metrology, Mysuru (2 Sub-division) interacts with the public, MGP office, Yadavagiri, **4 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: T.V. Alamelu birthday remembrance vocal concert by **N. Srinath,** accompanied by Veena Suresh on violin, Phanindra Bhaskar on mridanga and Vikram Bharadwaj on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Athmajnanandaji speaks on 'Viveka Choodamani,' Ashrama, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Kamini Arts and Just Events 365: 'Poorvaraga,' musical evening of 60s and 80s film hits, singers - **Manjula Gururaj, B.R. Chaya, Jogi Sunitha, Srinivas, M.R. Shree Harsha;** master of ceremony - **Aparna** and orchestra - **Srinivas** and team, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**



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